



GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION

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HERO/ICAC

HERO(Human Exploitation Rescue Operative)

- The Human Exploitation Rescue Operative (HERO) Child-Rescue Corps is a program developed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) in conjunction with the National Association to Protect Children.
- Their mission is to provide boots on the ground resources and technology to law enforcement to track down and bring to justice individuals preying on and exploiting children online.

ICAC(Internet Crimes Against Children)

- North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations Computer Crimes Unit is the lead agency on the N.C. Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, which includes 135 law enforcement agencies across the state. North Carolina's ICAC is part of a nationwide network of law enforcement and prosecutors dedicated to protecting children from online dangers. The national ICAC includes 61 coordinated task forces throughout the United States.

STATE FUNDING SOURCE

- Governor McCrory included funding for HERO in his 2015-2017 recommended budget.
- The NC General Assembly appropriated \$600,000 for FY 2015-2016 and \$ 1,000,000 for FY 2016-2017.
- The State appropriation for HERO is separate from the Federal funding streams normally associated with the Governor's Crime Commission.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for law enforcement agencies for salaries, training, and equipment for Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force affiliate investigators and forensic analysts to utilize technology and data analysis to locate and rescue children at risk of exploitation.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE CONTINUED

2015 SFY: \$600,000.00

- \$200,000.00 (Two \$100,000.00 awards for Veteran HERO positions anywhere in the State)
- \$400,000.00 (Ten \$40,000 awards for salaries, training, and equipment throughout the State, two in each of the five regions)
 - \$20,000 for salaries and \$20,000 for equipment and training.
- Subrecipients will individually submit for equipment and training reimbursements along with salary.
- Subrecipients will report ICAC arrests to the SBI Computer Crimes Unit.

2016S FY: \$1,000,000.00 (Applications for 2016 will be accepted after June 1st, 2016)

RECIPIENTS TO DATE

Name	Start Date	Total Budget
Awarded		
2015 - Rockingham Co. Sheriff's Office ICAC Task Force Special Investigator	1/1/2016	40,000.00
2015 Onslow County ICAC	1/1/2016	40,000.00
Cherokee County S.O. ICAC Overtime and Equipment Funding	1/1/2016	40,744.00
Gastonia ICAC Equipment 2015	1/1/2016	40,000.00
Moore County Internet Crimes Against Children Investigator	1/1/2016	40,001.03
Transylvania County Strengthen Internet Crimes Against Children Program	1/1/2016	40,000.00
Wilkes County ICAC Specialized Training on Tools and Technology	1/1/2016	40,004.00
Awarded Total		280,749.03
Pending		
Warren County Sheriff's Office ICAC	1/1/2016	40,000.00
Town of Cary - ICAC Grant	1/1/2016	40,000.00
HERO/ICAC - State Crime Lab	7/1/2016	86,040.00
2015 Halifax County ICAC	1/1/2016	40,000.04
Pending Total		206,040.04
Anticipated Total		486,789.07

QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE

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